

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, claims 18, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-33 have been written in independent form, as suggested in the Communication dated October 18, 2004. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 18, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-33 are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, as claims 19-23 depend from independent claim 18, applicant respectfully request that claims 19-23 also be allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments  
to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

By *Dicran Halajian*  
Dicran Halajian, Reg. 39,703  
Attorney  
(914) 333-9607  
November 18, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

It is hereby certified that this correspondence  
is being deposited with the United States Postal Service  
as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to:

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

On *November 18, 2004*  
(Date of Mailing)

By *Natalie A. Mayo*  
(Signature)